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The hardships in the cattle breeding industry are causing a shortage of manure with which the output of fertilizer factories, although increasing, cannot catch up. Hungarian peasants now use an estimated 30,000 metric tons of granulated superphosphate yearly along with 250,000 tons of peat mixed with human and animal excrement.

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Animal husbandry before the war constituted about half the income of the rural areas. The ravage of the war inflicted terrible losses to Hungarian livestock and the country may not recover its prewar status even by 1956 in spite of the ambitious plans which call for surpassing it (see chart at the end of this Subparagraph). The primary problem of animal husbandry is the lack of fodder which is thus the chief cause of the lack of meat on the markets and the severe measures by which the government tries to regulate animal husbandry and slaughtering in the villages.

The center of cattle raising is the Hungarian West. Horses are bred mostly on the Great Plains and the center of hog fattening is in the counties Csanád, Csongrád and Békés.

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Fishing is one of the most ancient primitive professions of the Magyars. Today, fishermen use modern methods, and numerous hatcheries and